

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: January 15, 2022
Incident Number: 22-0004775
Information Contact: Luis Manzano, Battalion Chief
Incident Type: Tsunami Activity in the Ventura Harbor and Ventura Keys
Time of Incident: 0730
Incident Location: Ventura Marina and Ventura Keys Community
Cause: Seismic activity near the island of Tonga
Injuries: None reported
Number of Personnel: 20
Fire Equipment: 1 Command, 2 Engines, 1 Ventura Emergency Manager
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura PD, Ventura Parks/Rec,
Ventura Harbor Patrol, Tow Boat US Ventura

Narrative:

On the above date and time, a call was received by the on-duty Fire Battalion Chief of extreme tidal activity in the Ventura Harbor and the Ventura Keys. Fire personnel arrived on scene within minutes of the initial call and upon assessment of the harbor area, it was determined that the extreme high and low tidal surges were a result of seismic activity in the Tonga region of the South Pacific. Emergency personnel from various agencies assessed the area and found that numerous docks and boats were damaged because of the extreme tidal surges. The surge activity lasted several hours, and emergency personnel rescued numerous boats and docks that had broken loose during this incident.

At the time of this media release, no injuries to emergency personnel have been reported. The Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind the public to review the Ventura City Tsunami evacuation plan and be familiar with evacuation routes.

